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BUSH ALSO TOLD THE COMMITTEE HE WOULD RESIGN THE CIA POST IF THE AGENCY WERE ORDERED TO ASSASSINATE A FOREIGN POLITICAL LEADER.

ASKED IF HE WOULD ENGAGE IN ASSASSINATIONS ON A DIRECT ORDER FROM THE PRESIDENT, BUSH SAID, "I FEEL STRONGLY ENOUGH ABOUT THAT ONE THAT I WOULD GET OFF, RESIGN." HE CALLED ASSASSINATION "MORALLY OFFENSIVE" AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT SUCH AN ORDER TO CONGRESS.

HOWEVER, BUSH SAID THERE WERE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. "I'M NOT GOING TO ABANDON OUR COVERT CAPABILITIES," HE SAID.

BUSH ALSO PLEDGED TO ABANDON ANY PERSONAL ROLE IN POLITICS IF CONFIRMED.

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